## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA COLUMBUS DIVISION

OTIS WADE PUGH, SR.,

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Petitioner, :

NO. 4:23-CV-00201-CDL-MSH

VS. :

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Warden CHARLES MIMS,

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Respondent.

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## **ORDER**

Pro se Petitioner Otis Wade Pugh, Sr., a prisoner at Wilcox State Prison in Abbeville, Georgia, filed this 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging his 2011 conviction in the Superior Court of Muscogee County, Georgia. ECF No. 1. On January 4, 2024, Petitioner filed a pleading possibly titled "Motion to Stay; Pretrial Order Request for a Judgment on the Pleadings to be Made Dispositive on the Substantive Fact to Petitioner's Factual Innocence Colorable Gateway Claim to Overcome Procedural Default; Adopted as Written Objection to the States Motion to Dismiss". ECF No. 4. This motion is nothing more than a legal word salad of nonsensical prose and impossible to decipher. To any extent that Petitioner's pleading is a request for judgment on the pleadings prior to service of the petition, or an objection to a motion by the respondent to dismiss this action that has not even been filed, or a request to indefinitely stay the proceedings in this case, all such requests are farcical. Accordingly, Petitioner's motion (ECF No. 4) is **DENIED** as frivolous.

Petitioner also filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. ECF No. 2. On January 4, 2024, Petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* was denied due to non-indigency and he was ordered to pay the \$5.00 filing fee. ECF No. 5. Petitioner has now paid the filing fee.

It is **ORDERED** that, within thirty (30) days of the date of this order, Petitioner amend his petition to include every unalleged possible constitutional error or deprivation entitling him to federal habeas corpus relief, failing which Petitioner will be presumed to have deliberately waived his right to complain of any constitutional errors or deprivations other than those set forth in his initial habeas petition. If amended, Petitioner will be presumed to have deliberately waived his right to complain of any constitutional errors or deprivations other than those set forth in his initial and amended habeas petitions.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent file an answer to the allegations of the petition and any amendments within sixty (60) days after service of this Order and in compliance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Either with the filing of the answer or within fifteen (15) days after the answer is filed, Respondent shall move for the petition to be dismissed or shall explain in writing why the petition cannot be adjudicated by a motion to dismiss. Any and all exhibits and portions of the record that Respondent relies upon must be filed contemporaneously with Respondent's answer or dispositive motion.

No discovery shall be commenced by either party without the express permission of the Court. Unless and until Petitioner demonstrates to this Court that the state habeas

Court's fact-finding procedure was not adequate to afford a full and fair evidentiary hearing

or that the state habeas court did not afford the opportunity for a full, fair, and adequate

hearing, this Court's consideration of this habeas petition will be limited to an examination

of the evidence and other matters presented to the state trial, habeas, and appellate courts.

Pursuant to the memorandum of understanding with the Attorney General of the

State of Georgia, a copy of the petition and a copy of this Order shall be automatically

served on the Attorney General and Respondent electronically through CM/ECF. A copy

of this Order shall also be served on the pro se Petitioner. Petitioner is advised that his

failure to keep the Clerk of the Court informed as to any change of address may result in

the dismissal of this action.

**SO ORDERED**, this 1st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Stephen Hyles

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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